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Applicant: Wescott et al. Art Unit: 1653

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Title : FIBRIN BINDING MOIETIES USEFUL AS IMAGING AGENTS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed March 12, 2004, applicant elects the invention of Group I drawn to the embodiment of polypeptides, magnetic resonance imaging agents and labeled polypeptides (claims 1-11, 20-24 and 27-31). The election is made without traverse.

In response to the species election, Applicants elect the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:25. Applicants also submit that the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:25 is encompassed in the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:7. Therefore, Applicants request that both the polypeptides of SEQ ID NO:25 and SEQ ID NO:7 be examined.

Prior to examination, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages.

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